

Hall of Fame Class of 2010



Left to Right: Ken Baldeosingh, Carl Del Corral, Ralph Rolfe, Blaz Pesorda, Jay Martin, Jim McDowell, Marilyn O'Campo, John Gyekenyesi, Kalman Toth

ALFRED O'CAMPO



Marilyn, Widow of Al O'Campo



Al O'Campo was a well-respected and accomplished soccer official at all levels of the game, who never failed to brighten the lives of those he met. He had been associated with the game of soccer as a player, referee, assessor, mentor, administrator and parent for over 25 years. Al was a registered USSF State Referee, State Assessor and Assignor in Ohio South, as well as a certified Ohio High School and NISOA collegiate soccer official. He was often assigned to work the more difficult, high-level matches at all levels due both to his match personality and his ability to adjust to conditions and level of match play. Al also served his Cincinnati soccer family at many different

levels, including as Referee Assignor for the Cincinnati Adult Amateur League and Blue Chip Showcase Classic for several years. Previously he had spent years as an officer and subsequently as President of the Southwest Ohio Soccer Officials Association.

As an official, assessor and mentor he taught by example without be demeaning and without the burden of an inflated ego. Al was just as comfortable and just as eager officiating a high-level adult match as he was with running a line on a U-10 youth match. His enthusiasm was contagious and genuine. Al thoroughly enjoyed his involvement in each game, no matter his role, and was a true ambassador for all those involved from players and coaches to officials and administrators. He was fair, honest and always gave his best.

BLAZ PESORDA

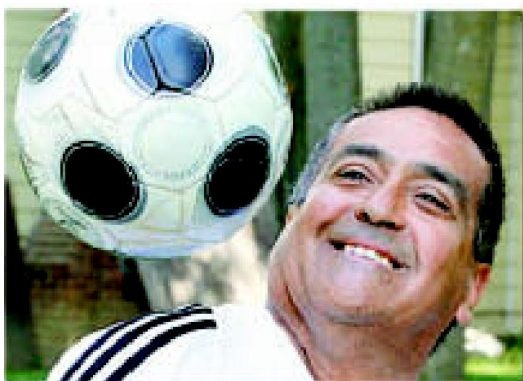


Over his career in soccer, Blaz Pesorda's experience has stretched from referee, assessor, assignor and instructor to administrator, organizer and overall proponent of the game. Prior to coming to the States, Blaz officiated soccer in his native Croatia and in France. Upon his arrival in the U.S. in 1969, he started his affiliation with the local soccer community. Blaz founded the Ohio Soccer Referees Association and served as its President for ten years. He has officiated games at the professional level for the German, Polish and Israeli National teams and visiting teams from Croatia. He has also

officialated for the USA Olympic Team, COBRA professional team as well as indoor soccer's Cleveland Force. Throughout his association with the game Blaz has continued to instruct new candidates at referee clinics and still assesses new and experienced officials during the season. In 2003, he achieved the rank as a National Assessor for the National Inter-Collegiate Soccer Officials Association.

Blaz has promoted the game of soccer in the capacity of commissioner, assignor and treasurer of the North Coast Soccer League of Cleveland. He has been an assignor for over 30 years in the adult leagues in and around the Cleveland area, and has been an assignor for over 15 years for the Junior/Youth Division. Blaz was the first assignor to promote women's soccer and to assign a female official to Division I games. Blaz held the office of Vice President for the Ohio Soccer Association - North for ten years. He was elected to serve as the Association's Registrar in 2004 and has been in that capacity since. Blaz was recently inducted into the USASA Soccer Hall of Fame as the first native-born Croatian. He was also inducted into the Ohio Youth Soccer Association's Hall of Fame.

Carl Del Corral

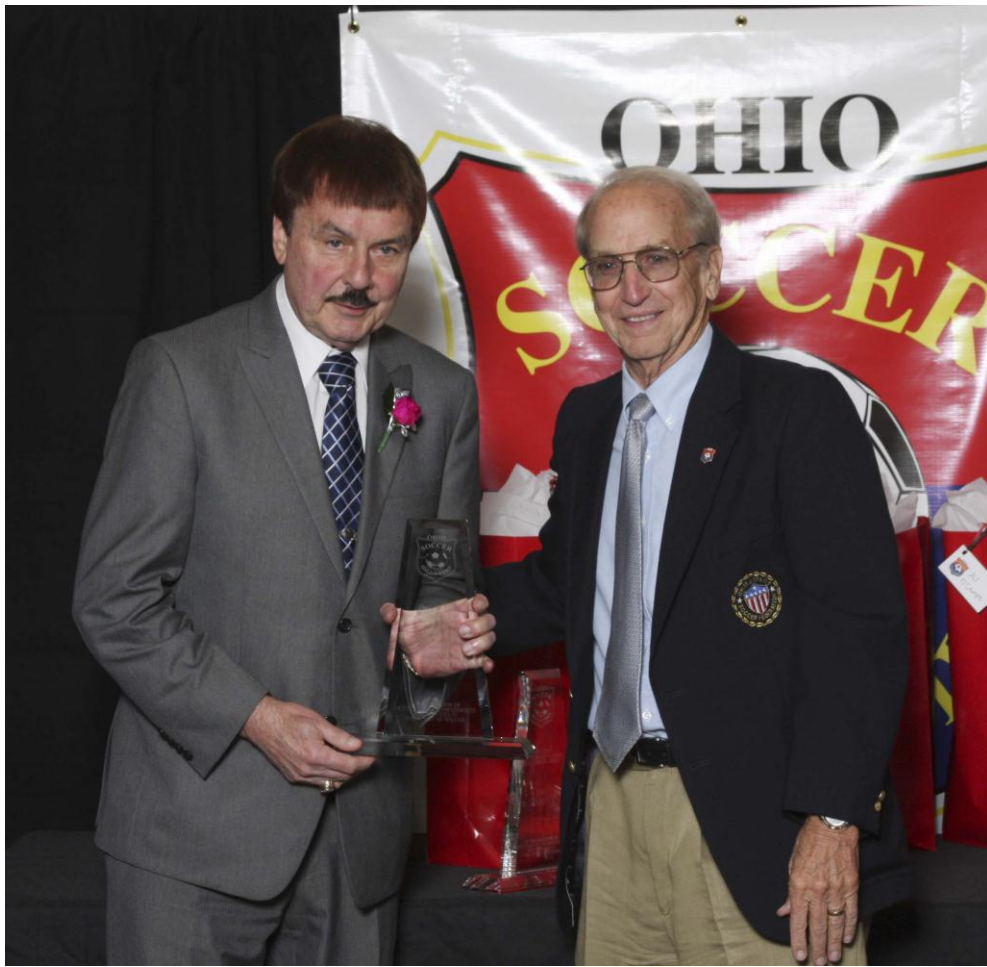


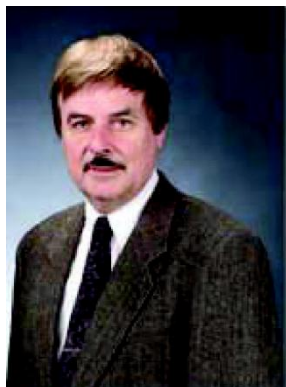
Carl Del Corral has spent over 30 years dedicating himself to youth, high school and adult soccer leagues across Ohio. In 1976, he co-founded the Greater Elyria Soccer Association, coaching there until 1988. In 1983, he and another Elyria coach started the Elyria High School soccer program. At first the program was only a club sport but quickly elevated to the varsity level. As the head varsity

coach of Elyria Catholic High School he led his teams to four sectional championships and three district runner-up titles. In 1997, he was named Coach of the Year for all Division II schools. In addition to Carl's time with Elyria youth and high school programs he also formed an adult soccer league in 1982 known as North Coast Soccer. The league has been a huge success in filling a much needed outlet for amateur play over the years. He has spent the past 28 years of the league occupying all of the various positions in the program from player, President, Commissioner, etc. Carl also served as the President of the Greater Cleveland Soccer Association.

Carl's contribution to soccer also extends to the officiating realm as well. In 1977, he started officiating at the youth level as a grade 8 referee. In 1985, he was a grade 5 state referee and a national candidate. After much hard work he became a Professional Indoor Referee, working in the NPSL for ten years before retiring in 2000 due to injury. Carl has been officiating high school and college soccer for the past 30 years. Over that period of time he has officiated many high school championship games along with high profile Division I college games including the Big Ten, MAC and Horizon Conferences, while acting as a mentor for young referees looking for guidance in the Cleveland area.

John Gyekenyesi

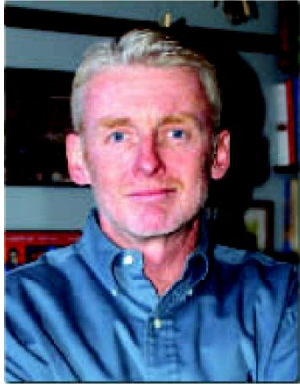




Dr. John Gyekenyesi started his Cleveland soccer experience in 1953, at age 15, just when recently arrived immigrants from Europe revived soccer in Northern Ohio. Since there was not a single youth or high school team in Cleveland at that time, his entire career was spent in adult/amateur soccer. Originally coming from Hungary as a result of the Russian invasion, he continued to pursue "futball" without giving up his childhood dream of being a fanatic participant and supporter of the sport. Over the years, he became heavily involved in youth soccer with two of his three sons' extensive youth and scholastic schedules. John used his thorough knowledge of soccer while managing the Cleveland's professional ASL franchise for eight years. His main focus has been the adult/amateur game, where the love of the sport rather than financial gain motivate involvement. These motivations led John to bring his professional management and training skills to Cleveland's top amateur league, the Lake Erie Soccer League. After election to the Ohio Soccer Association - North, John was instrumental in creating a state coaching and referee program to improve standards in addition to player development. His energy, dedication and love of soccer have had an extensive local and regional impact that has contributed exponentially to the introduction and growth of soccer. Throughout his long career, he has come in contact with thousands of people, encouraging and teaching them to regard soccer as a "game of life" in whatever capacity their talents and interests permit. As a recent inductee into the USASA Soccer Hall of Fame, Dr. Gyekenyesi's contributions will forever have a positive impact on Northern Ohio soccer.

JAY MARTIN

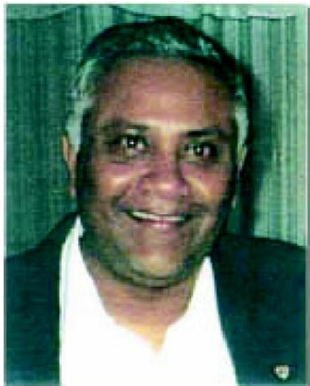




Jay Martin is the winningest active men's soccer coach in NCAA Division III with a career total of 548 wins. In 32 seasons at the helm of the Ohio Wesleyan soccer teams, he has accrued an amazing record of 548-109-45. His teams have reached the NCAA Division III semifinals seven times, finishing as national runner-up twice. In 1998 he reached the peak, guiding the Battling Bishops to the 1998 NCAA Division III National Championship. Martin's teams have brought home 12 regional titles, including 9 in the last 15 seasons that a regional format was used in the tournament. Under Martin, Ohio Wesleyan set an NCAA record 18 consecutive Division III tournament berths from 1978-95. They have also won 20 conference crowns and an unprecedented 18 straight Parry Awards recognizing Ohio's top Division III team each year. Jay has been named the NCAA Mideast Regional Coach of the Year 13 times and the NSCAA National Coach of the Year in 1991 and 1998. He was the seventh college coach to reach the 500-win mark, but no other coach achieved this accomplishment faster than him.

Jay Martin also served as President of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America as well as a 6-year stint on the NCAA Division III selection committee including 4 years as committee chair. He also took over as editor of the NSCAA's *The Soccer Journal* in January 2003. Jay served as Ohio Wesleyan's athletics director for 19 years from 1985-2004. Prior to joining the Ohio Wesleyan faculty, Martin served as a 2-sport assistant at The Ohio State University. He was also the Director of Sport at the Munich, Germany YMCA where he coached soccer, volleyball, basketball and lacrosse.

CHANKA "KEN" BALDEOSINGH



Chanka "Ken" Baldeosingh has been a devoted advocate of soccer for the past 35 years. On the field, he has served as a referee since 1974. Off the field, he has worked tirelessly for soccer in his capacity as an assessor, assignor, instructor and administrator. He has served on the USSF Referee Committee since 1996, always pushing for programs to benefit the local State Associations and referees. He has served on the USASA Referee Committee since 1995. Ken's focus for both committees has been to improve the level of youth, adult, high school and college soccer. In 1995, he began a ten year run period representing Region II as the Referee Administrator. During that time he encouraged and mentored an unprecedented number of Region II referees to attain National and FIFA levels. He has been on the boards of the Ohio Collegiate Soccer Association, the Miami Valley Youth Soccer Association and the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association. The standards in all areas of soccer in Ohio have been raised as a result.

Ken has worked at the state level on the board of the Southern Ohio Adult Soccer Association for thirteen years. The association has almost doubled its number of leagues and players in that time period. He has made it a priority to ensure that all of southern Ohio has an adequate number of officials

necessary to staff the expansion of soccer. This has been accomplished at a time when there is intense competition within youth, high school and college for officials. Ken's personality, charisma and enthusiasm has been a behind the scenes, positive force to the benefit of Ohio soccer as long as he has been associated with the game.

JAMES "JIM" MCDOWELL



Jim McDowell was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland in 1929 and grew up playing soccer, the sport he loved, on many youth, junior and strong competitive teams. His contributions to Southern Ohio soccer initially started in the SAY and Cincinnati Recreation Commission leagues. He developed league and cup winning teams from all ages and held clinics to enhance the experiences of coaches and players. Jim established Anderson High School's club team in 1971 which was the first in Southwest Ohio. In 1972, he organized a tournament between Finneytown and Country Day. By inviting their respective Athletic Directors and Administrators he was able to establish Cincinnati East and West Divisions. After continued success during 1973, Jim was a vital advocate for Anderson soccer becoming a varsity sport. In 1974, his continuous efforts and

contributions were noticed and he received the National Coaches "C" Award from Walter Chyzowych.

In 1975, Jim accepted the job of Head Coach for the University of Cincinnati. The job held many challenges because of the large American football following at the school. There were few funds provided to the team other than uniforms and some travel money. After evaluating the situation, he was able to pull out an 8-8 first season even against many top level teams. Over his years as a Bearcat, he guided teams to a #3 Ohio ranking and #5 in the Midwest. He was named UC's Coach of the Year in 1977 after compiling a 11-4-0 record. Jim was a pioneer for soccer camps in Cincinnati, conducting over 100 through the American Soccer Academy program that he founded. Jim has proudly reached the 200-win milestone over his many years in the sport.

CHRIS ROLFE



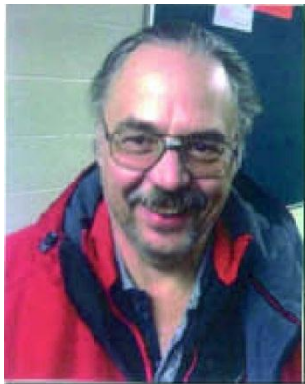
Ralph Rolfe, Father of Chris



Chris Rolfe's soccer career started at age 7 playing for the Centerville Galaxies U-9 boys team. At age 14, he and his club were fortunate enough to travel to France to play against international competition. His dominating youth career continued as his U-18 and U-19 Team Dayton squads both reached the Nike Youth Regional tournament. Chris attended Fairmont High School before playing soccer at the University of Dayton. Despite missing most of his final two intercollegiate seasons due to injury, Chris posted some of the best scoring numbers in UD's history. He also played for Chicago Fire Premier in the USL Premier Development League during this time.

Chris was drafted by the Chicago Fire in the third round of the 2005 MLS Super Draft. He quickly became a Chicago mainstay, scoring 30 goals in his first four seasons with the club, including a team high eight in his rookie 2005 season. One of Chris' finest moments came when the Fire won the 2006 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup. In 2008, he scored a career high ten goals, including a hat-trick performance against the New York Red Bulls. Chris' contributions to the Fire were noticed by the United States Men's National Team and he made his debut with the team on November 12, 2005 against Scotland at Hampden Park in Glasgow. Chris made another appearance for the U.S. squad in November 2008. On September 2, 2009 Chris announced that he had signed with the Danish Superliga team Aalborg where he is currently playing.

KALMAN S. TOTH JR.



Kalman Toth started playing soccer in 1966 for the Cleveland Magyar Athletic Club (CMAC). As a goalkeeper for CMAC, Kalman's teams won several league championships, including the State Cup, and advanced to the National Quarterfinals. From 1975-79, he was a walk-on member of the University of Akron varsity soccer team. In 1976, at the age of 19, he was elected to the CMAC executive board, the youngest member ever appointed. During this time, Kalman continued to coach and play, helping his team gain entry into the Lake Erie Soccer League's first division. In 1982, Kalman became head coach and general manager of the CMAC senior teams. Kalman coached his teams to the Lake Erie playoffs and finals multiple times. During his time as coach he was also charged with maintaining CMAC's treasury and finances. As an active participant in the Lake Erie Soccer League, Kalman was elected Vice President and selected to coach the LESL all-star team.

Kalman's ability to bring stability to LESL's league finances and policies were unprecedented and in 1985 he was elected to the Ohio Soccer Association - North's executive board as treasurer, in recognition of

those efforts. Within his first term, OSAN began to run its first financial reports. Kalman was instrumental in creating fiscal policy and was responsible for creating the first multiple-signature accounts requiring divisional heads to approve expenditures with pay vouchers and receipts. He instituted the first budgeting policies for the OSAN and transferred all financial records over to a computer system. He also brought outside accounting firms in for fiscal oversight. In 2006, Kalman was elected into the Cleveland Magyar Athletic Clubs Hall of Fame for his playing, coaching and administrative service to the club. Kalman currently works with the newly formed Ohio North State Referee Committee, to get their finances running.